



# Church Matters...

**Sunday 22 September 2024**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

## Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome you to our service. If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time, then please do make yourself known to the person leading the service.

## Parish Diary

### Saturday 21 September

3.30pm - Parish Harvest Tea - St John's, Itchen Abbas

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### Sunday 22 September

8.30am - Holy Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
with Revd Peter

10am - Harvest Praise - St Mary's, Easton  
led by James Greig and Revd Peter speaking  
*organist John Dover, Tim Clapp leading worship*

6pm - Harvest Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
led by Simon Ffennell and Revd Peter preaching

### Monday 23 September

9.30am - Little Rainbows - St John's, Itchen Abbas

### Tuesday 24 September

7.45pm - Rectory Prayer Meeting - The Rectory

### Sunday 29 September

10am - Harvest Parish Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas

6pm - Harvest Songs of Praise - St Mary's, Avington

## Collect

Almighty God,  
you have provided the resources  
of the world  
to maintain the life of your  
children,  
and have ordered our life  
that we are dependent upon  
each other.

Bless all people in their daily work,  
and, as you have given us the  
knowledge to produce plenty,  
so give us the will to bring it within  
reach of all:

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever  
and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly  
to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all  
that he has made.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all who are  
falling,  
and raises up all who are  
bowed down.**

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food  
in due season.

**You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every  
living thing.**

**Our mouths will speak the praise  
of the Lord,  
and all people will bless his  
holy name for ever.**

## Deuteronomy 6:1-13

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup> so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## Matthew 6:19-21, 28 -34

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

# Notice Board

**Parish Harvest Tea** - in St John's, Itchen Abbas this Saturday (21 September) from 3.30-5.30pm. This is a rare opportunity for us all to come together as one church family—after all, we may have four beautiful church buildings but we are one Church. Everyone is very welcome.

**Next Rectory Prayer meeting** - Please join us this Tuesday 24 September (07.45-09.00pm).

**Harvest Giving** - at our harvest services we would be very grateful to accept donated produce which will be passed on to the Winchester Basics Bank. They are in need of most grocery items, in particular the following: Tinned vegetables or fruit, squash and fruit juice, jam, marmalade, tinned puddings, UHT milk (dairy and non-dairy), noodles, coffee, dog food.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, this can be done online following [this link](#)

The collections at each of these services will also be added to any online donations and will be divided between: Trinity Winchester, Winchester Beacon and Winchester Basics Bank

## For Your Prayers

for the situations in Ukraine and the Holy Land  
for those who are ill or suffering at the moment  
for those recently bereaved